

Earith Primary School: Curriculum Newsletter



Class: Dahlia Class
Term: Spring Term 1

English:

Our key text for this half term is called 'The Light Jar' written by Lisa Thompson. We will use this text to support and develop our writing, which will include - writing to persuade, writing to entertain, and writing to discuss. We will continue to practise handwriting, spelling and punctuation to ensure that our writing is well-presented, with accurate spelling and punctuation. We will also practise using a range of ambitious language within our writing, so that we develop a greater consideration of the reader.

Reading – both taught reading and reading for pleasure will be a key feature of our learning. This will involve whole texts and extracts, and focusing on key reading skills to ensure fluency and comprehension of ideas. We will focus on a deeper level of understanding within a text – looking at authorial intent and focusing on language choices.

Maths:

During the first part of the term, we will focus on geometry, including position and perimeter. We will also return to addition and subtraction to recap skills and use these within problem-solving tasks. Within all of our mathematics learning, children will revisit key ideas from previous units to ensure learning is fully embedded. We will also focus on daily retrieval practice of times tables facts to ensure that they can be recited 'off by heart' and are used fluently within mathematical problems.

Science:

Science, this half-term is a biology topic – living things and their habitats. We will learn that all living things are made up of cells and that these organisms can be classified into five kingdoms; the class will attempt to identify and name animals according to their characteristics as well as look for similarities and differences between animals. They will learn about the scientist Carl Linnaeus and use his classification system to classify animals and plants (including living things in the local environment). Finally, we will have the opportunity to study microbes.

History:

Our topic for this half term is 'Anglo-Saxons'. Within this topic, we will learn about the changes directly *after* the Roman Empire. We will learn about how Britain was divided into different kingdoms, life in Anglo-Saxon Britain and the conversion to Christianity over time. We will also discuss why the period is called 'The Dark Ages' and dispel any myths surrounding this term.

Religious Education:

R.E this term will be focusing on a comparison study between Islam and Christianity. Within this, we will learn about the key ideas and beliefs that are similar in both religions including the belief in Jesus, prayer and morality.

PSHE:

Our topics for this half term will focus on 'Working Together and Financial Capability'. Within this, we will learn about our own strengths and goals, and how to challenge ourselves. Our key school values (5 Rs) will continue to be a constant presence throughout all of our learning. Within 'Financial Capability' we will learn about budgets, tax and other deductions, so that children have an understanding of how to manage money.

Art:

This half term, we will be learning the art of photography. Children will learn the history of photography, from the first camera to the digital cameras of today. We will explore how photography can be used for different purposes and how it can be used to create abstract images.

PE:

Indoor PE will focus on gymnastics. Within this unit, we will develop our strength, balance and coordination. We will develop and perfect routines in isolation and with others.

Outdoor PE will focus on the game of hockey. We will develop and deepen the skills learnt in previous years in order to play competitive games. We will focus on tactical marking, movement with the ball, and rules of the game.

Music:

In music, we will be learning to perform Jazz and Blues pieces on the glockenspiel and recorder, whilst continuing to learn and embed our knowledge of musical notation. Our main focus will be improvising and creating our own compositions using specific notes and performing our pieces to an audience.

Computing:

This half term, we will learn how to use and develop 3D models in computing. We will learn how to move, resize and duplicate objects. We will also learn how to combine multiple objects and to create our own 3D model.

Foreign Language:

Within French, children will continue to develop their oral sentence structure and pronunciation. They will focus on learning directions and learn about key towns and cities.

Big Questions for the Half Term:

History – What do we know about the Anglo-Saxons?

Science – How do scientists classify living organisms?

RE – How are the religions of Islam and Christianity similar?

Art – What do we need to think about when taking photographs?

PHSE - How can we manage our finances?

Computing – What knowledge and skills do we need to develop a 3D model?

Music – What is composition and improvisation in music?

Big Vocabulary for the Half Term:

History – Kingdom, invade, migrate, dark ages, Pict, Christianity, convert, Pagan, monasteries, monk.

RE – Islam, Christianity, monotheistic, prophet, world view, disciples, Abrahamic religions.

Art – Camera obscura, exposure, develop, shutter, lens, negative, roll-film.

PHSE – Skills, qualities, tax, finance, budget, deductions.

Computing – Three-dimensional, rotation, re-sizing, perspective, duplicate, combine.

Science – classification, organism, protist, fungi, bacteria, cell, vertebrates, taxonomy, kingdom, phylum, class, order, family, genus, species, invertebrate, arachnid, mollusc, cnidarian, arthropod, annelid, nucleus, chlorophyll

Music – Blues, Jazz, improvisation, melody, compose, improvise, pulse, rhythm, pitch, tempo, dynamics, timbre, texture, structure, dimensions of music, hook, riff, solo, ensemble.

Other Information:

Please ensure that children come to school with a water bottle (filled) each day. This is **essential** to keep hydrated!

PE days will continue to be on a Wednesday and Thursday. Outdoor PE will be on a Wednesday and indoor PE will be on a Thursday.

Safer Internet Day 2023 will take place on the 7th of February, with celebrations and learning based around the theme '**Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations about life online**'.